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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), which is after the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or after a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, but before the payment of the issue fee, and is accompanied by the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) and the following Statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e):

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

Respectfully submitted,

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